

Appl. No. 09/992,612
Amdt. dated December 6, 2004

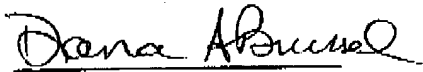
REMARKS

The above-identified application has been reviewed in light of the comments and suggestions made by the Examiner during a telephone discussion on November 10, 2004. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's efforts in furthering the prosecution of the application. By the present amendment, the Applicants have amended the present application's claim to priority.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application, namely claims 13-15, 17-21, 31-38, 40-42, and 48, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, he is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at (631) 501-5713.

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